

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A tablecloth for covering a table having a top surface and a peripheral edge, comprising:

(a) a sheet of material dimensioned larger than said top surface such that said sheet of material covers said peripheral edge of said table; and

(b) a skirt having a sheet edge and a table engaging edge, said skirt operative to secure said sheet of material to said table:

(i) said sheet edge connected to said sheet of material within a region of said sheet of material covering said surface;

(ii) said table engaging edge operative to engage said peripheral edge of said table and attach said skirt to said table.

2. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said sheet of material covers said skirt when said sheet of material falls over said peripheral edge.

3. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said table engaging edge is tensioned over said peripheral edge elastically.

4. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said table engaging edge is secured over said peripheral edge by strips of fastening material located on said table engaging edge that can be adjustably interlocked.

5. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said table engaging edge is secured over said peripheral edge by a drawstring.

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6. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said skirt is co-extensive with said peripheral edge.

7. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said skirt is  
10 partially co-extensive with said peripheral edge.

8. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said surface is round.

15 9. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said surface is rectangular.

10. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said surface is square.

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11. The tablecloth according to claim 1, wherein said surface is oval.

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